THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH): (a) Government of India launched the Integrated Diary Development Project meant for Non-Operation Flood, Hilly and Backward Areas during the Eighth Five Year Plan period. Projects received from the following States/Union Territory have been approved and are at various stages of implementation: (1) Andaman & Nicobar-Island (2) Andhra Pradesh (3) Arunachal Pradesh (4) Assam (5) Bihar (6) Gujarat (7) Haryana (8) Jammu & Kashmir (9) Madhya Pradesh (10) Maharashtra (11) Manipur (12) Meghalaya (13) Mizoram (14) Nagaland (15) Orissa (16) Sikkim (17) Taml Nadu (18) Tripura (19) Uttar Pradesh (20) West Bengal. Besides the Operation Flood III and the Technology Mission on Dairy Development programmes launched in 1987 and 1988 respectively continued to be implemented in the Eighth Plan period.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Assam was sanctioned an Integrated Dairy Development Project for Rs. 12.61 crore in 1994-95. The progress of key components of the Operation Flood III and the Integrated Dairy Development Project in Assam upto.Dec, 1996 is given below:

Key components	OF III	IDDP
1. No. of D.C.S. (Nos.) formed.	122	182
2. Farmer Members (Thousands)	4.97	12.17
3. Milk Processing capacity (TLPD)	60.0	10.0
4. Average Milk Procurement (TKPD)	3.15*	7.20
5. Average Milk Marketing (TLPD)	4.47*	7.20

*Figure for January, 1997.
TKg.PD = Thousand kg per day.
TLPD = Thousand litre per day.

(d) and (e) The Operation Flood programme and the Integrated Dairy Development Project are entirely on cooperative basis. In the Ninth Plan period Government proposes to expand the network of dairy coopertives.

Demand of fertilizer Industry regarding increase in the price of phosphatic fertilizers

4451. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS & FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any demand from the fertilizer industry for an increase in the price of indigenous phosphatic fertilizers and if so, the details therefor; and

(b) the reaction of the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Agriculture, which administers the scheme of Special Concession on Decontrolled Fertilizers, has not received any demand from the fertilizer industry for an increase in the price of indigenous phosphatic fertilizers.

Investment in PSU*s* in fertilizer sector during Eighth Plan

4452. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state;

(a) the approved investment in PSUs in the fertilizer sector, during the Eighth Five Year Plan and the targets set for production;

(b) whether most of the PSUs failed to execute their projects involving fresh

investment, during the first three years of the Eighth Plan;

(c) if so, the projects for which approval of fresh investment was sought by the fertilizer companies and reasons for slow progress in utilisation of funds; and

(d) the steps taken to ensure that funds allocated for investment for the current year are fully utilised and actual status of the projects for which fresh investment has been granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHEES RAM OLA): (A) The approved investment in Public Sector Undertakings and Cooperative Sector Undertakings in the fertilizer sector during the Eighth Five Year Plan was Rs. 5352 crore.

The year-wise targets set for the production of nitrogenous and phosphatic nutrients during the Eighth Five Year Plan period are tabulated below:

(In Lakh M.T.)

Year	Nitrogen(N)	Phosphate(P)
1992-93	77.00	27.50
1993-94	78.00	22.00
1994-95	81.15	23.31
1995-96	86.32	26.67
1996-97	90.22	26.80

(b) to (d) During the first three years of the Eighth Plan, there had been a major shortfall in plan expenditure with reference to the approved envelope. The main reasons for slow progress in utilisation of funds were the following: (i) uncertain market conditions consequent upon decontrol of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers in August, 1992 and the decanalisation of their imports; (ii) Delay in finalisation of revival packages of the sick public sector fertilizer companies, viz Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) (iii) Constraints in the availability of Natural Gas, which is the preferred feedstock for manufacturing nitrogenous fertilizers.

The status of the major projects of the fertilizer undertakings under the administrative control of the Department of Fertilizers approved during the Eighth Five Year Plan is given below:

s. No	Name of the project	Approved Capital cost (Rs. in crore)	Production envisaged (in Lakh MTPA)	Present status and expected date of commissioning
1.	IFFCO's Aonla Expn. Project	960.00	Urea 7.26	Commissioned on 25.12.96
3.	IFFCO's Phulpur Expn. Project	993.00	Urea 7.26	20.1.98
3.	IFFCO's Kalol Expn. Project	119.08	Urea 1.50	1.9.97
4.	NFL's Vijnipur Expn. Project	987.30	Urea 7.26	Commissioned on 31.3.97
5.	Revamp of MFL's plant	487.47	Urea 0.76	15.6.97
6,	New Ammonia plant of FACT	618.00	Ammonia 2.97	31.8.97

There has been some slippage in the execution of the projects of NFL.MFL, and FACT mentioned above largely on account of delayed equipment supplies. This has impacted on the pace of utilization of the allocated resources.

A system of periodical reviews and close monitoring of the projects under implementation and those on the anvil has been instituted to minimise the possibility of time over run and assume optimal utilization of the allocated resources.

Status of Gorakhpur Fertilizer unit.

4453. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM:
SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI MUKESH R. PATEL:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gorakhpur unit of the Fertilizer Corporation of India is not working for a long time, if so, the details thereof;

(b) the steps being taken to restart the plant as per the assurance given by Hon'ble Prime Minister; and

(c) the financial loss suffered till date, due to closure of the unit, alongwith the annual expenditure being incurred on the unit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SHIEES RAM OLA): (a) and (b) The Gorakhpur unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) has been shut down since 10.6.90 following an accident in the plant, The revamp of the Gorakhpur unit was not found to be techno-cconomically viable. However, KRIBHCO evinced an interest in taking-over the infrastructure of FCI at Gorakhpur for setting up a new standard sized ammonia /urea plant and has, accordingly initiated steps for obtaining the requisite approvals.

(c) The Gorakhpur unit has suffered a net loss of Rs. 465.99 crore during the period 1990-91 to 1996-97. An annual expenditure of Rs. 18.74 crore is being incurred towards salary, wages and standing charges of the unit.

Agreement between HFCL and HLL regarding handling of ammonia

4454. SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an agreement between Hindustan Fertilzer Corporation Limited (HFCL) and Hindustan Liver Limited (HLL) for handling of ammonia from Atmospheric Ammonia Storage Tank of Haldia Fertilizer Project;

(b) whether the agreement had been signed in 1986 and renewed from time to time;

(c) the handling charge per tonne as per the first agreement charged by HFCL from HLL and the handling charge per tonne as on date; and

(d) whether a provision for rebate was included in the last agreement; if so, the reasons therefor?